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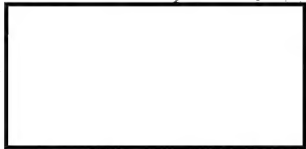
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Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Martin Agronsky Show

Producer John Larkin of the Martin Agronsky Show has asked if you would be interested in appearing on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or next Monday.

I said your schedule was very full and you'd indicated May is an especially heavy month, but I'd certainly run it by you.

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Angus MacLean Thuermer

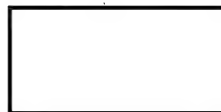
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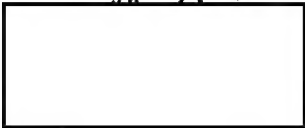
I like Martin <sup>12 MAY 1976</sup>  
It's basically anti-CIA

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or fall -

GB:

I called John Larkin & said you would really love to do show  
in early September or thereabouts — 

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*Inter* BEN: If we are asked for specific 'info' from DARMAN let me hear what it is. All requests should mutually be made known to Secretary of State.

Bill Neikirk



## A strange way to get at the facts

Bill Neikirk is a member of The Tribunes Washington Bureau. He is substituting for Jim Squires.

WASHINGTON—President Ford's cabinet-level task force on corporate bribery has begun an inquiry into perhaps the most explosive aspect of the scandal: Did the United States government know our multinational companies were greasing palms around the world?

The answer will be difficult to ferret out, given the nature of the problem and the government's own self-protective instincts. Nobody knows this better than Sen. Frank Church (D., Idaho), whose multinational subcommittee has been looking into the matter for months, with only mild success.

It's a question badly in need of an answer. "You can't propose remedies until you understand the problem," said Dick Darman, an aide to Commerce Secretary Elliot Richardson, who heads the government-wide task force.

BUT THE PRESIDENT'S task force is going about the job of finding out in a strange way. It has asked the "appropriate investigative agencies" to probe the matter for it.

Thus the investigating arms of the

Defense, State and Justice departments will be trying to discover whether the Defense, State, and Justice departments knew about the bribery payments—and in fact, tacitly condoned them.

Also, Darman said, "We've made some inquiries from the CIA." According to former CIA officials and congressional investigators, if any agency had known about the bribe payments in the 1960s and 1970s, it was the CIA. One former top-ranking CIA official said recently an agent wouldn't have been doing his job if he hadn't known about the payoffs.

The task force's motives may be perfectly honorable, but one wonders how realistic it is to expect these agencies, especially the CIA, to rat on themselves, if indeed there was government complicity in the payoffs.

Darman responds by saying the task force's role is limited primarily to making legislative recommendations—not conducting a new investigation. "We're not an investigative body," he said.

Thus the President's inquiry can only invite cynicism about its eventual findings. And that raises an entirely new question: Will we ever find out whether the government was aware of the foreign payoffs and whether they were condoned as an unwritten rule of foreign policy?

The subject is more complex than it appears. As Darman pointed out, complicity can mean anything from general suspicion that payoffs were being made to knowing about specific bribes. He believes that there was at least a low

degree of complicity by the government [knowing about bribes in a general way], but he doubts officials knew about specific payoffs.

Richardson, on the other hand, is reported to feel the U. S. government knew little, if anything. The secretary once served as the No. 2 man in the State Department and had a big hand in foreign policy.

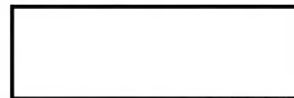
Congressional investigators looking at the issue have concluded that either the State or Defense departments knew about them—or were so unbelievably incompetent that they didn't know about a practice that businesses have described as a "way of life" in some countries.

JAMES AKINS, former U. S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia who led a crusade against bribes and excessive agents' payments in that country, said it was difficult not to be informed about almost everything going on. "Gossip was the main form of entertainment," he said.

In fact, Akins said he had no doubt the British and French governments knew—and quietly condoned—the fact that their companies were making payoffs. The obvious implication is that the U. S. government, seeing the competitive atmosphere, did essentially the same thing.

The facts may never come out completely, but it would be reassuring if they did, for they might provide a needed catharsis and remove forever the use of bribes as a shadowy instrument of foreign policy.

The President's current investigation needs more teeth, more outside input, and more of a determination to get at the facts.



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Ben Evans

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Financial Secretary

MAY 8, 1976

GEORGE BUSH  
DIRECTOR  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

DEAR MR. BUSH:

THE MEMBERS OF THIS SMALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON WOULD BE VERY HONORED IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO WRITE A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE BI-CENTENNIAL FOR THE FRONT PAGE OF OUR JULY MONTHLY PUBLICATION, "THE CHALLENGER," A COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED.

WE HAVE A SMALL COUNCIL OF APPROXIMATELY 250 MEMBERS, BUT OUR MAILING LIST INCLUDES THE TOP OFFICIALS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS.

I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF OUR ORGANIZATION THAT WAS ORIGINATED IN 1882 BY FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AND NOW HAS MEMBERS IN ALL THE FIFTY STATES, PARTS OF CANADA, SOUTH AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE EXTREMELY BUSY BUT WE WANT TO PLEASE ASK YOU TO GIVE US YOUR PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON THE SPIRIT OF THE BI-CENTENNIAL YEAR AND INCLUDE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WHICH WE CAN PUBLISH ALONG WITH YOUR SHORT ARTICLE.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND WE ARE IN HOPES THAT THIS LETTER WILL FIND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE BEST OF HEALTH. THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL #5678 ARE VERY HAPPY THAT YOU ARE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES AND HOPE THAT YOU MAY HAVE CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR PRESENT POSITION AND WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST OF LUCK.

MAY WE PLEASE HEAR FROM YOU WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

SINCERELY YOURS,



LARRY BABBITT  
EDITOR

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## Mother's Day

FOR MOTHERS ONLY.....through the busy year, perhaps we sometimes take for granted the love and many good works you do for us and the family, we guess that's why they call us human. MOTHER'S DAY will give each of us an opportunity to show you our appreciation, in our own special way..... As a group, we at Council #5678 want to say to all the Mothers, THANKS for just being you!!!! FELIZ DIA DE MADRES!!!!

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May 1	Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival and Horse Races	May 23	Corporate Communion Soft Ball Try-Outs
May 1 & 2	St. Francis Church Bazaar	May 27	Regular Meeting Perpetual Care Presentation
May 2	V.A. Hospital Visitation	May 31	Memorial Day
May 6	Officers Meeting	June 5	Soft Ball Tournament and Try-Outs
May 9	MOTHER'S DAY	June 6	Colored "Squares" St. Joseph Bazaar - Brazoria, Texas
May 13	Regular Meeting Deadline for "1492" Charity Fund Home Association Meeting	June 13	CYO Southwest Soft Ball Tournament
May 15-19	72nd Annual State Convention	July 17 & 18	KofC Houston Chapter Soft Ball Tournament